

COUNCILMEMBER CARL DEMAIO

FIFTH DISTRICT CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

September 21, 2009

TO:

alderrais Jay Goldstone, Chief Operating Officer

FROM:

Councilmember Carl DeMaio

RE:

Winter Shelter Location

In response to your memo dated September 16, 2009 requesting suggestions for alternative locations for the Winter Homeless Shelter, I would like to remind you of my request made during the September 14 Council meeting that your office review the use of the Golden Hall meeting facilities at City Hall.

- 1. Locating the temporary shelter in District Five would be a waste of scarce city funds – as it is too far from the network of homeless service providers.
- 2. As I noted in my comments on September 14, locating the temporary shelter on the City Hall complex would appropriately serve as a daily reminder to city officials for the need to take action on the permanent shelter.
- 3. A permanent facility not temporary sites is the most efficient solution to the challenge of providing an acceptable shelter option for the homeless population.

Until the permanent shelter is secured, the City Hall complex would be a cost-efficient solution to the temporary shelter challenge.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Honorable City Councilmembers cc: Amy Benjamin, Program Manager